

ABSTRACT AMENDMENTS

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Molten steel is degasified under vacuum and, in the first 5 minutes of the degasification, to improve and accelerate the degasification, solids in the form of pieces of a size of 2 to 50 mm are introduced into the melt.